



# Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

*Empowering People in Christ*

## Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

2701 Harwood Road, Bedford, Texas

Sunday, June 28, 2026

10:00am

Welcome to this service of worship. We are glad you are here whether it is in person or online. Children are welcome for all aspects of our worship service and church life. To aid people of all ages, including children, in worship participation, a Liturgical Library is available in the narthex to the right of the sanctuary door with tools for engaging the senses in worship, including drawing and movement tools. A "Fidgety Friends" room is available upstairs behind the sanctuary if children become restless and parents would like a comfortable place to continue to participate in worship.

### Mission Statement

L- Loving

I- Inclusive

F- Family of Faith

E- Empowering People in Christ

-seeking justice

-loving kindness

-walking humbly (Micah 6:8)

We are a certified PCUSA Earth Care Congregation:

- Our worship and discipleship will celebrate God's grace and glory in creation.
- Our education will encourage and support each other in keeping and healing creation.
- Our facilities will be managed, maintained, and upgraded to respect and cherish all of creation.
- Our outreach will encourage community involvement and public policy to protect and restore the earth.

# Celebration of Worship

13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00am

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## We Gather in Worship

### Greeting and Announcements

*Please note your nearest exit. Silence your cell phones. Restrooms are available behind the sanctuary in the narthex. Add your prayer requests on the sheets in the friendship pad for inclusion in the Prayers of the People by placing them in the offering plate at the back, or online by scanning the QR code here. A note on worship bulletin symbols: \*please rise in body or spirit. (GTG) – purple Glory to God Hymnal under the seat in front of you. Words in **bold print** are said in unison by the congregation.*



### Centering Words

*You have invited us to this place, Accepting God, for this is where you want us. Here, we learn to trust you, and to faithfully follow where you lead us. Here, we learn to listen to you, and hear the words of life, of hope, of healing. Here, we learn to bring everything to you - even our pain, especially our brokenness - that we might be made whole. Pilgrim Jesus: you are with us in this place, and in every place where we live, work, play, pray. And, if we dare to trust this good news, we discover that grace which sets us free: to treat one another as siblings; to use that grace to break down every barrier; to live that grace in every moment of our lives.*

Prelude

Seek Ye First

Arr. Mark Zeeman

### \*Call to Worship

With joy and celebration, God welcomes us to this place.

**How good it is to gather in God's house!**

With joy and celebration, we welcome one another.

**We greet each other by name; we are equal in God's Kingdom.**

We open our hearts, to welcome God's love;

we open our arms, to welcome God's people.

**Here, every single one of God's children is welcome.**

\*Hymn (GTG) No. 409

God is Here

ABBOT'S LEIGH

## We Are Renewed in Grace

### Invitation to Confession

Created to live with one another and our God, we know the truth about our shattered lives and relationships. Yet, out of this brokenness, God shapes new people, giving every one of us a new start. Let us confess those things which separate us from one another, that we might be made one in Christ.

## Prayer of Confession

**In your house, there is room for all; at your Table, we find a place set for us. But we admit, Inviting God, that we find it difficult to be as accepting as you are. You fling wide the doors to your kingdom, Welcoming God, but we are quick to try to shut them to those who are different from us. Your heart is open so that all might experience your grace, and we reluctantly remember our ungracious words and deeds. Forgive us, God of every person: heal our broken lives; mend our fragmented souls. Open our hearts to your vision of the Kingdom where all are welcome, all are affirmed, all are beloved - even as we receive these gifts from Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

*(Worshippers are invited to offer silent prayers of confession) Amen.*

Sung Response (GTG) No. 626

As the Deer

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*As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after You.*

*You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship You.*

*You alone are my strength, my shield; to You alone may my spirit yield.*

*You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship You.*

## Assurance of Pardon

Can it be any clearer? God has created us to be a family - siblings, neighbors, friends. No longer strangers, we are all welcome in the kingdom of love, grace, and hope. **In Christ, we are one. There are no barriers, no divisions to acceptance. We are a new people, forgiven and made whole. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## We Receive God's Word

Children's Gathering

Tonia Thompson

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 13: 1-6 (pages 484-485, red Bible)

Anthem

Teach Me, Lord, to Wait

arr. Mary McDonald

*(Emmanuel Chancel Choir)*

Gospel Reading

Matthew 10:40-42 (page 887 red Bible)

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Title

Trusting in Your Steadfast Love

Maria Shupe

\*Hymn (GTG) No. 733

We All Are One in Mission

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## We Experience God's Grace

\*Affirmation of Faith *Apostles' Creed, hymnal page 35*

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and**

**forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever, amen.**

Offering our Gifts to God

*[Note: if you wish to contribute online, you may do so at [emmanuelpc.org](http://emmanuelpc.org) or using the QR code here.]*



Offertory Open Our Eyes Arr. Mark Zeeman

\*Doxology Glory to God Hymnal, page 607

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

**We are not blessed by God so we might hoard them for ourselves, but use what we are given to welcome those who are looking for a community, to feed those who hunger for friendship, to serve those whom the world has cast aside. Here are our gifts, Holy God. We pray you will use them as well as us in the work of your kingdom. Amen.**

## **We Leave to Serve**

\*Hymn (GTG) No. 761 Called as Partners in Christ's Service BEECHER

\*Invitation, Charge and Benediction

*You are encouraged to remain and enjoy the postlude as a moment of prayer and worship before departing today.*

\*Postlude Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty Arr. Ethel Tench Rogers

*All are welcome to share the Peace of Christ with one another over refreshments in the narthex following this service.*

*Liturgy by: Thom Shuman.*

### **Worship Leaders**

Guest Preacher Maria Shupe,  
*Development Officer of Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services*

Brittney Axton, Director of Music

Dr. Tak Yan Yeung, Organist

Emmanuel Chancel Choir



Assisting in Today's Service:

Katie Phillips, Liturgist

Tonia Thompson, Children's Gathering

